

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 29th day of August, 2007 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT:	Tommy Knight, Jay Attaway, Vickie Abrego, Karen Mayer,	Mayor Mayor Pro Tempore Council Member Council Member
ABSENT:	Frank Hametner,	Council Member
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Tom Ginter, Allen Lawrence, Ada Owens,	City Manager City Attorney City Secretary
Substituting ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ABSENT:	None	
STAFF PRESENT:	Sandy Roddel,	Finance Director
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ryan Cunningham and Mark McLiney/Southwest Securities, Andrea See/Aransas Pass Progress	

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 29, 2007.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ITEM 3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS TAX NOTES, SERIES 2007", LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTES; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER; COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY'S LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Ryan Cunningham with Southwest Securities stated originally the City was going to use a local bank to fund renovations (and addition) to City Hall. He stated because of loan limits stipulated by law it was decided to use Tax Notes. The bid for the Tax Notes was won by Presidio Short Term Tax Exempt Fund from San Antonio which came in below the 3.4% interest and would be financed over seven years.

Mr. Mark McLiney discussed the interest rates and the City's bond rating (BBB+). He stated the City was getting close to the A- category with the construction of Lowe's. He stated the money should be to the City by the end of September.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve and Ordinance (2007-3922) authorize the issuance of "City of Aransas Pass, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2007", levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the notes; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the notes; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and a purchase and investment letter; complying with the requirements of the depository trust company's letter of representations; and providing an effective date. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried with Mayor Knight, Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway, Council Members Abrego and Mayer voting yes. Council Member Hametner was absent.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

City Attorney Allen Lawrence declared the Public Hearing open at 7:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2007-2008.

The City Manager stated the Council had the cover sheet to the proposed budget which gave proposed tax rate.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway asked was it possible the \$493M (taxable value) could decrease by a small amount on that \$34M that was in question?

Finance Director Sandy Roddel stated it was actually \$68M that was in question, but she was only using \$34M which was 50%, as was a lot of cities in the county.

The City Manager stated the San Patricio County Appraisal District still had not given a date when the protests would be final.

Discussion was held on the calculations used to figure the M&O (maintenance and operation) and the effective, proposed and rollback tax rates.

The City Manager stated the next public hearing on the proposed tax rate would be September 4, 2007.

The City Attorney asked if there was anyone else to be heard, seeing none he closed the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ada Owens, City Secretary